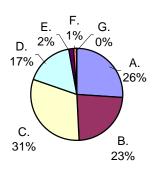
# 2003 Survey Results State Senator Sam Smith, District 2

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1. Due to the national recession, Indiana, like other states, is facing a substantial deficit. In preparing a new two-year state budget, difficult decisions affecting current appropriations will have to be made. Select two of the following categories that you feel should be protected from further cuts:



### Percent Answer

26% A. Public Safety

23% B. Economic Development

31% **C.** Education K-12

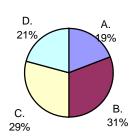
17% **D.** Health; Family Services; Veterans Affairs

2% E. Conservation/ Environment

1% F. Transportation/Infrastructure

0% G. Higher Education

**2.** In your opinion, where should Indiana focus its efforts to attract and expand industry? Select one of the following:



## Percent Answer

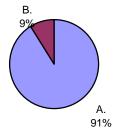
19% A. Business Assistance

31% B. Workforce Training

29% C. Tax Incentives

21% **D.** Infrastructure Improvements (roads, sewers, telecommunications)

**3.** Currently the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) has no authority to levy fines against utilities which provide sub-standard service. Should the IURC be granted such authority by the General Assembly?

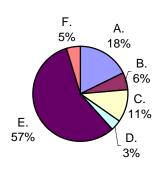


## Percent Answer

91% A. Support

9% B. Oppose

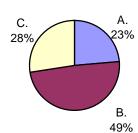
4. Which of the following alternative sentences or community corrections options for nonviolent offenders would you support expanding:



#### Percent Answer

- 18% A. Supervised work release.
- 6% **B.** Home detention with electronic monitoring or daily check-ins.
- 11% C. Drug court programs emphasizing substance abuse treatment.
- 3% **D.** School-release program for juvenile offenders.
- 57% **E.** All of the above.
- 5% **F.** None of the above.

5. Which one of the following areas should Indiana concentrate its resources to retain teachers?

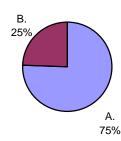


## **Percent**

## Answer 23% A. New teacher mentoring programs.

- 49% **B.** Forgiving a percentage of student loans if a new teacher serves in Indiana for at least 5 years.
- 28% C. Supplement the funding of earning a master's degree or national board certification.

6. Should Indiana expand state oversight of predatory lending practices?



# Percent

## <u>Answer</u>

- 75% A. Support
- 25% B. Oppose

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